



VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 02-211A

ISSUED: June 15, 1991

SUBJECT: Control of Hazardous Energy Sources (Lockout/Tagout) Standard

A. Purpose.

This directive establishes and amends procedures for uniform enforcement of the Lockout/Tagout Standard, § 1910.147 of Subpart J.

B. Scope.

This directive applies to all VOSH personnel and specifically to Occupational Safety Enforcement (General Industry) and Voluntary Compliance personnel.

C. Reference.

45 Federal Register 41012 (June 17, 1980).
53 Federal Register 15495 (April 29, 1988).
54 Federal Register 36644 (September 1, 1989).
55 Federal Register 38667 (September 20, 1990)
OSHA Instruction STD 1.73 (September 11, 1990)

D. Cancellation.

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E. Action.

The Assistant Commissioner, Directors and Supervisors shall assure that employers understand the provisions of this Directive and comply with the policies and procedures contained in it.

F. Effective Date.

The effective date is July 1, 1991.

G. Expiration Date.

Not Applicable.

H. Background.

Please refer to VOSH Program Directive 12-237C.

I. Summary.

This standard is federal identical and includes federal technical corrections. It supplements existing lockout related provisions contained throughout the general industry standards by providing comprehensive and uniform procedures. The standard requires that lockout be used for machines and equipment which are capable of being locked out unless the employer can demonstrate that use of a tagout device is as effective as use of a lockout device in disabling a machine and in protecting employees from the releases of potentially hazardous energy during the performance of maintenance and servicing activities.

J. Standard with Citation and Compliance Guidelines.

CAVEAT: This standard is NOT applicable to the safeguarding of workers from the normal production operations related to operating various production and process equipment in the General Industry environment, nor is it applicable to the hazards of contacting electrically live parts (exposure to electric current). Such hazards continue to be regulated at VOSH Standard 1910, Subparts O and S, respectively.

CAVEAT: This standard does NOT replace existing specific VOSH lockout/tagout provisions, such as those noted in Appendix B. Where applicable, it supplements the requirements of such standards by establishing a lockout/tagout procedure, the training of employees in energy control programs and periodic inspections of the programs.

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Standard with sectional compliance guidance

Appendix A: Typical Minimal Lockout or Tagout System Procedures

Appendix B: Other Lockout /Tagout Standards

Appendix C: Checklist for Energy Control Procedure

Appendix D: Checklist of Exception to Energy Control Procedure

Appendix E: Checklist for Tagout System

Appendix F: Checklist for Tagout System Training

Appendix G: Training/Retraining Checklist

Appendix H: Checklist for Group Lockout or Tagout

Appendix I: Checklist for Removal of Lockout or Tagout Devices

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